

The Certificate Program
in Korean Society and
Culture

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The K-SAC Program

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The College of Social Science at Kyungpook National University launched a new program – opening courses from many different majors in the Social Sciences, from Political Science and Diplomacy, Sociology, Geography, Psychology, Library and Information Science to Media

Communication, and issuing a certificate if students take at least 4 courses according to the Certificate Program requirements. The goal of the program is to introduce KNU students to the social sciences more broadly while also introducing incoming international students to Korean culture.

The K-SAC Program

Culture

Citizenship and Politics

Studies of Asia

Korea Society

Psychology

The Certificate Program in Korean Society and Culture (K-SAC) offers courses in English that explore various aspects of contemporary South Korean society and Korea's position in the region and the world. Topics include popular media and culture, citizenship and politics, studies of Asia, history, and psychology. The program also offers field trips and cultural

immersion opportunities to enrich your understanding of Korea through experiential learning. This interdisciplinary program is taught by distinguished faculty in the College of Social Sciences from various departments, including Politics and International Relations, Sociology, Geography, Psychology, Library and Information Science, and Media Communication.



Certificate / Credit Requirements

Complete a minimum of 12 credits

- At least 9 credits must be taken from the following courses.

Spring Semester

Understanding East Asian Society through Cinema

Global Citizenship, Ethics, and Justice

Cultural Geography

Sociological Imagination: A Global Perspective

History of Information Culture

Data Journalism

Fall Semester

Geography of Leisure and Tourism

Understanding of Psychology

Globalization & Asia

Sociology of Labor

- Up to 3 credits from the the Office of International Affairs courses may count toward the Certificate.

Spring Semester

South Korea and International Relations

Fall Semester

Modern Korean Society

Cultural Life in Korea

Korea in Motion: Korean Film and the Korean Wave

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Understanding East Asian Society through Cinema



Course Code

POLI0214

Course Provider

Dr. Woojin Kang

Course Outline

This is an introductory course on international ethics and political thought as it intersects with global politics today. The course will familiarize students with current approaches to international ethics, human rights, contemporary poverty, slavery, international justice, and global democracy. Students will have the opportunity to debate, and develop their own positions on these matters throughout the course. Students will also develop writings skills appropriate for this subject area.

Cultural Geography



Course Code

GEOG0425

Course Provider

Dr. Ethan Yorgason

Course Outline

This course teaches the foundations of the subdiscipline of cultural geography. It introduces students to the issues that cultural geographers have been interested in over the course of several decades, as well as the issues that have become newly important in recent years. Students learn how to see the world as cultural geographers. An important part of this course is applying the concepts and ideas learned to the cultural geography of Korea, and students will give presentations on a topic within Korean cultural geography.

Sociological Imagination: A Global Perspective



Course Code

CLTR0067

Course Provider

Dr. Hyoung-jin Shin

Course Outline

In this course, we will explore the important issues of an interconnected global world--such as inequality, cultural hegemony, global warming, and population problems, as well as religious, ethnic, and racial conflicts--through the lenses of sociological concepts. Students will be introduced to major theoretical perspectives, as well as key concepts, such as culture, socialization, and social interaction, all of which guide the practice of sociology. Students will also come to explore the benefits of employing a sociological imagination which is an ability to connect personal experiences to broader social and historical contexts.

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History of Information Culture



Course Code

LIBR0254

Course Provider

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Course Outline

This course covers the social and cultural influences and impacts of information and its associated technologies on all areas of human endeavor. Students will have the opportunity to learn the various definitions of the information age and discuss the historical & technological foundations of information production, computing devices, and communication and networking tools. Students will also learn the history of libraries in the East and West to better understand the roles and functions of libraries.

Data Journalism



Course Code

MEC00201

Course Provider

Dr. Chankyung Pak

Course Outline

This course introduces the conceptual and practical tools for data journalism through hands-on training for open source software and cloud computing. Students will learn how data storytelling strategies and visual design techniques can apply to efficiently deliver social insights from complex data in an audience-friendly manner. The course is project-driven: all students will be required to develop a reporting plan based on public data and motivate themselves to acquire knowledge relevant to their own project throughout the semester.

Global Citizenship, Ethics, and Justice



Course Code

POLI0213

Course Provider

Dr. Benjamin Thompson

Course Outline

This is an introductory course on international ethics and political thought as it intersects with global politics today. The course will familiarize students with current approaches to international ethics, human rights, contemporary poverty, slavery, international justice, and global democracy. Students will have the opportunity to debate and develop their own positions on these matters throughout the course. Students will also develop writing skills appropriate for this subject area.

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Geography of Leisure and Tourism



Course Code

GEOG0530

Course Provider

Dr. Ethan Yorgason

Course Outline

This course explores the major concepts and concerns of geography in relation to tourism and leisure. It particularly looks at tourism, as tourism is an increasingly central concern of human geography. But it also touches on other topics relation to leisure as appropriate. The focus of the class is on learning both the ways in which tourism is geographically constituted and how tourism forms a key element of the world's contemporary geographic patterns. We utilize several examples and case studies from both inside and outside Korea.

Understanding of Psychology



Course Code

CLTR0078

Course Provider

Dr. Jangjin Kim

Course Outline

This course aims to introduce the fundamental principles of Psychology in terms of how the human mind works and how it has been studied scientifically.

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Globalization and Asia



Course Code

SOCI0251

Course Provider

Dr. Sohoon Yi

Course Outline

This course studies globalization and global capitalism not from the economic but sociological perspectives. The course brings to the fore the issues of international financial institutions, global governance, development, neoliberalism, global inequality, migration, social movements, social reproduction, gender, environment, race, and citizenship. This course focuses on Asia as its geographic focus and the various ways in which globalization has benefited and hurt different countries in the region. This course motivates students to think critically about the effects of globalization and the consequences of macro-level changes at a micro-level and to reflect on how the global structure manifests in local sites, especially in their own daily lives.

Labor and Labor Movement in Contemporary Korean Society



Course Code

SOCI0252

Course Provider

Dr. Sohoon Yi

Course Outline

Is studying labor relevant in the 21st Century? This course finds the answer by focusing on South Korea's social transformation from the 1970s to the 1990s with the labor uprisings of 1987 as the milestone event. This course adopts studies of organized labor in South Korea as a lens to understand South Korea's post-war development and democratization. By paying attention to gender, class consciousness, social movements, and development, this course studies the formation of South Korea's working class in the past as a way of studying the present and discusses the future of labor in South Korea and elsewhere in the context of globalization, technological development, and other social changes of this century.

Participating Faculty

Together,
we can build
a world of
positive research
in K-SAC.



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Introduction to Kyungpook National University

Kyungpook National University



Kyungpook National University has excellent faculty representing Korea and leads in Korean university education. Daegu City, home to KNU, is a place where Korea's turbulent modern and contemporary histories overlap. Daegu is a perfect location to easily access significant historic places: the ancient 1000-year capital of Silla, the terminus of the Silk Road, the home of Korean Studies and traditional culture, and the center of the independence movement during the Japanese colonial period. You can also experience the current state of Korea's miraculous economic growth and the vitality of the democratization movement. Come to Kyungpook National University and discover Korea's long and rich history, its vibrant present, and its exciting future.

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Life in Daegu



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About Daegu

Size

Located in southeast South Korea at the heart of Korea's transportation network, Daegu provides a wealth of opportunities to see and experience Korean culture. Daegu is a bustling city of **around 2.5 million**, surrounded on nearly all sides by beautiful mountains that offer rejuvenating recreational opportunities, especially during the fall and spring seasons. Although large, Daegu is known as one of Korea's most pleasant places to live, with streams and rivers running through and nearby the area, several large city parks, and abundant shopping and entertainment.

Two

International Events in Daegu



With a growing international profile, Daegu prides itself on hosting various international events. These have included the IAAF (World Athletics) World Championships in 2011, the World Water Forum in 2015, and the Culture City of East Asia program in 2017. Yearly festivals emphasize both international and Korean themes. These include the Daegu International Music Festival (June-October), Colorful Daegu Festival (May), Daegu Overseas Chinese Cultural Festival (October), Daegu Yangyeongsi Herb Medicine Festival (May), Daegu International Opera Festival (October), Daegu Chimac (chicken and beer) Festival (July), and Daegu International Bodypainting Festival (August). Daegu is also home to the region's largest traditional and new night market (Seomun Market).

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Places to Visit



▲ Mt. Palgong



▲ Bulgugsa, Gyeongju



▲ Dongwhasa



▲ Gukchae-bosang Memorial Park

Learning about traditional culture of various flavors, including Confucianism and Buddhism, is within easy grasp in Daegu through several area academies and temples, including the beautiful Dongwhasa complex on Mt. Palgong. Korea's patriotic history comes alive at many memorials, such as the downtown Gukchae-bosang Memorial Park. Downtown also features a traditional Korean herbal medicine market, along with many early churches that highlight Korea's Christian history. Daegu is the original home of Samsung Corporation and continues its innovative industrial heritage today through robotics, medicine, and IoT, among other industries. Gyeongju, historically known as Seorabeol, is a coastal city in the far southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province in South Korea. It is the second largest city by area in the province after Andong, covering 1,324 km² with a population of 264,091 people.

Extending to the World

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THE IMPACT RANKINGS 2022

Ranked 1st in the Nation,
Ranked 13th in the World

THE ASIA RANKINGS 2022

Ranked 17th in the Nation,
Ranked 149th in the World

THE WORLD RANKINGS 2022

Ranked 16th in the Nation,
Ranked 801-1000th in the World

QS ASIA RANKING 2022

Ranked 14th in the Nation,
Ranked 91st in the World

QS WORLD RANKING 2022

Ranked 18th in the Nation,
Ranked 501-510th in the World

